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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application filed concurrently herewith, please amend the following:

In the Claims:

Please enter the following amended claims:

a' 3. (Amended) An acylated cellobiose according to claim 1 wherein the R residue is linear.

a' 2 7. (Amended) An acylated cellobiose according to claim 1 wherein each R residue is the same.

Im B, 1 8. (Amended) An acylated cellobiose according to claim 1 wherein each X represents an R-CO- group.